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Economic Services Division

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Committee on China

(Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Meeting -- 0930 hours, 21 April .

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Present: Messrs: [REDACTED]

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Guests: Messrs: [REDACTED] St/L [REDACTED] and 25X1X7

1. It was decided that henceforth meetings of the China Committee will be held on Tuesdays at 1400, subject to the availability of a meeting place.

2. As requested, the Committee made evaluations of the FDD coverage of Southeast Asia and the [REDACTED]

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The following items of current intelligence interest were discussed:

1. China's exports of small quantities of chemicals appear designed to impress her neighbors with her industrial potential.

2. The opening of the 700 km road between Tunhwang and Salmo has been announced.

3. It is estimated that China used some 7000 tons of Soviet synthetic rubber in 1954.

4. The Vietnamese are reported to be having difficulties in the restoration of the 525 ft bridge at HamRong.

5. The Chinese have recently sent a sizable force of engineers and geologists to conduct a survey of Tibetan resources.

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6. [REDACTED] has several recent publications of interest-- primarily dealing with Indo-China.

7. China has recently been buying considerable quantities of ferrous metals, including magnesium, copper, cobalt.

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8. Soviet passport-holders in Harbin are reported to be having difficulty in getting exit permits.

9. Bulgaria will speed-up shipments of penicillin to China in order to complete the 1955 contract by the third quarter.

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